IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A seamed, conformable belt comprising:

a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end, wherein the first end and the second end of the substrate form a first seam, and

an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent and in contact with the first surface of the substrate and wherein the first end and the second end of the elastomeric layer form a second, detachable substantially planar seam.

2. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam and the second, detachable substantially planar seam are interlocking seams.

3. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

4. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

5. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

6. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam is bonded.

7. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

8. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

9. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.

10. A seamed, conformable belt comprising:

a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end, wherein the first end of the substrate is bonded to the second end of the substrate to form a first seam, and

an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent and in contact with the first surface of the substrate and wherein the first end of the elastomeric layer is bonded to the second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second substantially planar seam.

11. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 10 wherein the first seam and the second substantially planar seam are interlocking seams.

12. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 10 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

13. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 10 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

14. The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 10 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.

15. A method for forming a seamed, conformable belt comprising:

providing a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end;

coating the first surface of the substrate with an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end;

positioning the first end and the second end of the substrate to form a first seam; and

positioning the first end and the second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second, detachable substantially planar seam.

16. The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam and the second, detachable substantially planar seam are interlocking seams.

17. The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

18. The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

19. The method according to claim 16 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

20. The method according to claim 15 wherein the first seam is bonded.

21. The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a modulus of elasticity of from about 75 PSI to about 3000 PSI.

22. The method according to claim 15 wherein the seamed, conformable belt has a thickness of from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm.

23. The method according to claim 15 wherein the elastomeric layer has a thickness of from about 0.25 mm to about 4.75 mm.